

REMARKS

Claims 28 and 34-36 have been amended. New claim 37 has been added. Claims 1-37 are currently pending.

Claims 28 and 34-36 have been changed to remove the multiple dependencies.

New claim 37 has been added. Support for this claim can be found from original claim 35.

No new matter has been added by these amendments; therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered.

CONCLUSION

Applicant awaits an action on the merits.

A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$25.00 for the fee of small entity is enclosed. This fee is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,
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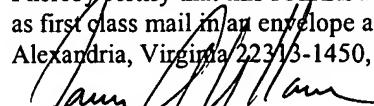


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I hereby certify that this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and accompanying DOCUMENTS are being deposited as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: BOX AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.



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Date

5/12/05